

Remarks

Following this Preliminary Amendment, twenty-eight claims (2, 3-5, 16-20, 43-46, 56-60, 78, 83-84, 87-89, 93-95, 138) remain in the application, of which eight (2, 43, 78, 87, 93, 94, 95, 138) are independent. All of these claims satisfy PCT Article 33(1)-(4). See the International Preliminary Report on Patentability mailed on March 16, 2006, enclosed, Supplemental Box, last page. No new claims have been added. Five claims (2, 43, 78, 87, 138) have been amended. One hundred twenty-one claims have been cancelled (1, 6-15, 21-42, 47-55, 61-77, 79-82, 85-86, 90-92, 96-137 and 139-149).

Claim 2 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 1.

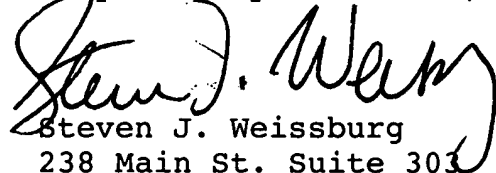
Claim 43 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 42.

Claim 78 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 75.

Claim 87 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 86.

Claim 138 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 135.

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